



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/063,366	04/16/2002	Thomas L. Toth	GEMS8081.102	4573
27061	7590	04/19/2007	ZIOLKOWSKI PATENT SOLUTIONS GROUP, SC (GEMS) 136 S WISCONSIN ST PORT WASHINGTON, WI 53074	EXAMINER ROY, BAISAKHI
			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER 3737
SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD OF RESPONSE		MAIL DATE	DELIVERY MODE	
3 MONTHS		04/19/2007	PAPER	

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire 6 MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/063,366	TOTH, THOMAS L.	
	Examiner Baisakhi Roy	Art Unit 3737	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 January 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>3/30/07</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments filed 1/31/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. With respect to the filter of Gordon, applicant is directed to the individual filter segments, 270 and 272 as the spokes extending from the center of the metal disk 262. Gordon clearly teaches a filter 262, divided into six thin and thick segments alternately disposed on the metal disk (col. 13, lines 24-39). Therefore the filtering segments in Gordon are in a spoked relationship with respect to the disk. The segments themselves are the spokes extending radially from the center of the disk to a rim. Gordon also teaches that the segments 270, 272 are alternately disposed as the filter rotates between the two energy levels (col. 14 lines 50-67, col. 15 lines 1-9), which would clearly demonstrate the spoked relationship of the filter segments with respect to the center of the metal disk. Therefore the previous rejection is maintained.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-21, and 23-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gordon et al. (5661774). Gordon et al. disclose a CT system comprising: a rotatable gantry (124) having an opening (126) for

receiving a subject to be scanned; an HF electromagnetic energy source (128) configured to project a number of HF electromagnetic energy beams toward the subject; a generator (136) configured to energize the HF electromagnetic energy source to at least a first energy state (V_1) and a second energy state (V_2) (col. 7, lines 12-32); a number of HF electromagnetic energy filters (270, 272) positional between the HF electromagnetic energy source and the subject, the number of HF electromagnetic energy filters include at least a first filter (270) and a second filter (272).

The system includes the method of positioning the first filter (270) between the HF electromagnetic energy source and the subject when the HF electromagnetic energy source is energized to the first energy state, a first voltage (V_1) and the second filter (272) is positioned between the HF electromagnetic energy source and the subject when the HF electromagnetic energy source is energized to the second energy state, a second voltage (V_2) (col. 13, lines 57-66); and wherein only one of the first filter and the second filter is positioned between the HF electromagnetic energy source and the subject when the HF electromagnetic energy source is energized either to either one of the first energy state or the second energy state. Gordon et al. also teach said electromagnetic energy source and filters being rotatable about the subject (col. 14 lines 5-17).

The filtering apparatus includes a hub having a generally circular cross-section (col. 13 lines 15-20), with segments or connection ports for each filter up to six filters (col. 13 lines 24-39).

The scanner is useful for scanning luggage or mail packages (col. 16 lines 45-48).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 5, 13, and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gordon et al. in view of Heuscher et al. (5262946). Gordon et al. do not explicitly teach using the system for medical applications. Heuscher et al. disclose a dual-energy system used for obtaining medical data (col. 3 lines 62-66). It would have therefore been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use the teaching by Heuscher et al. to modify the teaching by Gordon et al. for the purpose of conducting medical imaging and monitoring physiological conditions of the patient (col. 3 line 65).

Conclusion

2. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory

Art Unit: 3737

period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

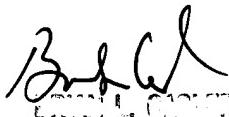
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Baisakhi Roy whose telephone number is 571-272-7139. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30 a.m. - 4p.m.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian L. Casler can be reached on 571-272-4956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

BR

BR



Barbara A. Gaskins
SEARCH/PATENT EXAMINER
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700